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Number of guests slumped, as expected

Tourism – the second quarter of 2020

**In the Q2 2020, the total number of guests in collective accommodation establishments decreased by 82.9%, year-on-year (y-o-y), and the number of overnight stays of guests in collective accommodation establishments decreased by 81.7%, y-o-y. In April, the number of guests slumped by 98.9%, in May by 94.1%, and in June the number of accommodated guests decreased by 60.8%.**

**The number of overnight stays of guests** in collective accommodation establishments reached **2.6 million nights** in total in the Q2 2020, which was by 81.7% less compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. To put it in absolute numbers, it was a decrease by 11.5 million nights. The number of overnight stays of guests from the Czech Republic decreased to a third (by 66.7%) and the number of overnight stays of guests from abroad decreased by 96.2%.

In total, **988 thousand guests** **accommodated** in collective accommodation establishments in the Q2 2020, which was a decrease by 82.9%, y-o-y. Compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, it was a decrease by 4.8 million guests. A ban on travelling, closure of borders and also of accommodation establishments resulted in a drop of guests from the Czech Republic to the level of 30.4% of the last year´s result. The restrictions were reflected even much more in numbers of guests from abroad, only 4.3% of foreigners accommodated compared to the corresponding period of 2019.

As for the slump of the number of guests in relation to the coronavirus crisis, the most affected **region** was the Capital City of Prague (*Hl. m. Praha* Region). The decrease of the number of the accommodated in Prague was 93.6% and the number of overnight stays dropped by 94.9%. Accommodation providers in the *Karlovarský* Region also missed over one million nights that guests did not spent there. The number of guests in collective accommodation establishments decreased nationwide in all Regions of the Czech Republic.

Restrictions of international movements of persons influenced inbound tourism and affected all source **foreign markets**. The numbers of both arrivals and overnight stays decreased by over 90% as for guests from all surveyed countries, except for Slovakia. The number of guests from Slovakia decreased by 84.1%. In Czechia, e.g. 50 thousand Germans accommodated, i.e. by 91.2% less than in the previous year.

The coronavirus crisis had also an impact on **spa accommodation establishments**. They were closed in April and were gradually opening during May. Results for the whole Q2 2020 show that the number of guests amounted to a fourth; however, it consisted mainly by guests from the Czech Republic. In total, 57 thousand of guests accommodated in spas, of which 51 thousand were Czechs. In the year-on-year comparison, the number of residents decreased by 61.5% and that of non-residents dropped by 94.1%.

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Annexes:

Table 1 Guests (accommodation establishment category, numbers, indices)

Table 2 Overnight stays (accommodation establishment category, numbers, indices)

Table 3 Guests (Regions of the CR, numbers, indices)

Table 4 Overnight stays (Regions of the CR, numbers, indices)

Table 5 Guests, overnight stays (non-residents by country, numbers, indices)

Chart 1 Number of guests in collective accommodation establishments (y-o-y change)

Chart 2 Number of guests in collective accommodation establishments